

Existing law creates and provides for neighborhood improvement districts in the parishes of East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, and Orleans. Provides that such districts are created for various purposes, including to promote and encourage security in the area included within the districts and to promote and encourage the beautification and overall betterment of the districts. Provides that the districts shall be governed by a board of commissioners consisting of a specified number of members. Provides for district boundaries.

Existing law authorizes the governing authority of the parish or a city within the parish to levy and collect, subject to voter approval, various amounts of taxes and fees within the geographical boundaries of each district located within the parish. Authorizes the board of commissioners of each district to use the funds collected by the governing authority for district purposes.

Prior law required the board of commissioners of each district to use district funds within the geographical boundaries of the district.

New law authorizes the board of each district created pursuant to existing law to, through a cooperative endeavor agreement, combine the funds of the district with the funds of one or more other such districts. Requires the board to receive the prior approval of the majority of the members of the homeowners association of each district present and voting at a meeting of the association. Prohibits the board from combining the funds of the district with the funds of a district whose boundaries are greater than one mile from its own. Authorizes the use of combined district funds for any of the stated purposes of any district that is a party to the cooperative endeavor agreement.

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